

2nd Grade Scoop

Oct. 27– Nov. 1, 2014

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West Central Elementary

Character Education

The Character Education word for October is: Respect. Respect is following the Golden Rule. There are great benefits for treating others with respect. Each week we will be giving away Subway Certificates to students who exhibit these characteristics!

Social Studies/ Weekly Reader

This week we will be learning about saying thanks and Native Americans.

Vocabulary Words:

veterans, Native Americans, celebration



Math

This week we will be working with solving problems, finding ways to make 20 cents, and trading coins. We will also work on problem solving strategies. Please work with your child on memorizing math flash cards in addition and subtraction. We continue to do Mad Minute Math tests and CGI problems on a daily basis.

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Just a reminder:

Homework is:

- *Study spelling words
- *Read for 20 minutes every night
- *Memorize math flash cards for addition and subtraction
- *Practice writing short stories
- *Practice fluency sheets
- *Please remember to initial your child's planner with time read each night

Creative Writing

We are writing stories every day. We use various prompts that are aligned to our Common Core Standards & Lucy Calkins Writing. The students really get excited when it is writing time and sharing on the "Author's Chair"

Spelling

The students are working on spelling long vowels i, ie, ugh. We will be doing Differentiated Spelling. Each child will come home with their own personal list of words in their Planners. Daily activities to reinforce spelling words include: Word Search, ABC Order, Double Puzzle, write a letter to your teacher using list words and finding meanings of the spelling words in the dictionary and using list words in sentences.



Dates to Remember:

October 30 – Dismiss

1:30; Conferences

October 31 – Halloween

Party – 2:15

November 4 –

Bookmobile

Phonics & Grammar

*Informational Text., and connect prior knowledge

Reading:

Read Aloud Anthology

"On the Job at the Fire Station"

Guided Reading Groups:

Fluency,

comprehension skills,

predicting, and

author's message,

realistic fiction, and

author's purpose.

Independent Reading

and A.R. Tests

Encourage your child

to read & practice

math facts each

night. This is a very

powerful habit that

pays off in the long

run. These are skills

they need to know.

Vocabulary

High Frequency Words for this week are: understand, lose, idea, caught, coming, enough, learn, clear, though, ago

Robust Vocabulary Words for this week are: hazard, efficient, instantly, drench, instantly, priorities, minor

Quick Tip: To expose your child to these words, one suggestion may include placing word cards around the house and having the student read and define the words as they find them.

In our literacy centers, we place the words on index cards with the definitions on the back. The students read the cards and work with partners to become more familiar with the words.

Writing: (Writing complete sentences)

We will write paragraphs about various pictures. Writing Trait: (Ideas) Conventions (using the correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling). We will also work on describing. The students will also work on using effective word choices in their writing-such as rhyming words and colorful words to clarify description and revise word choices. Bullying Contract: I promise I will not bully others. I promise I will not hurt others through my words or my actions. I promise to be kind. Be Safe. Be ready to learn!

Read Aloud Charts

"Soccer Feet" – (describing how we listen for a purpose)

Students will discuss what they enjoyed most about the poem.

"My Bike" – Students will think about what is happening in the poem and the feeling they get from listening to it.

Listening Center

Stories: "A Trip to the Fire Station"

By Doreen Cronin

Genre:

Informational

While listening to these stories, the students will learn new vocabulary words which include:

understand, lose, though, caught, idea, coming, ago

The students will also orally discuss the beginning, middle, and end of the story & the author's message.

Oct. Snacks

27 – Adisyn

28 – Mrs. S.

29 – Mrs. S.

30 – Mrs. S.

31 – Mrs. S.

Thanks for providing snacks!!



Our class Halloween party will be held on Friday, Oct. 31 at 2:15 p.m. The room parents that signed up for the party are: Christy Menning – 351-0894; Amanda Rolfson – 610-5780; **Sondra Vogt** – 261-0570; Cathie Jatton – 310-0065 and Heidi Lueth – 906-0619. The chairperson is Christy. She will contact the other room parents to help plan the party. I am confident they will have a great party planned for us! Remember: **no scary costumes will be permitted!** If any other parents would like to help, just let me know and I will be glad to include you! Thank you!

Quotes of the Week–

"Resolve to read each day! It will make itself felt throughout your life!" Mann

"We have so much to learn, let us teach one another as kindly as we can!" Senge

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"Instill in our students a love of learning, a desire to know and to do what is right, and the knowledge and skill to face the future with courage."

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